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Situation

The new club year beginning in October finds Santa Cruz County with a total of six 4-H clubs doing some Home Economics work. Five of these clubs, located at Tubac, Upper Santa Cruz Valley, East of Nogales, Elgin, and Calabasas, are community type clubs with boys and girls carrying Agriculture and Home Economics projects. In Patagonia there is one Home Economics club with 12 girls. The Calabasas club represents a new organization in an area which several years ago was active. Total Home Economics enrollment at present is 34.

Organization and Planning

Introduction to Santa Cruz County 4-H was the Achievement Program held in Nogales the 1st of August. Around 200 boys and girls and parents attended this program which recognized Santa Cruz County 4-H'ers completion of a successful year. Esther LaPlante and Linda Urschaltz of the Palo Verde Club at Tubac received county awards in clothing.

Homes of seven 4-H leaders were visited. Suggestion that 4-H Leader Training Meetings for Home Economics leaders be conducted in Santa Cruz County was received with enthusiasm. As central location for the county, leaders' homes in Patagonia were recommended as meeting places. Expressed need in subject matter and desired training covered all projects from first year to advance. Future Leader Training Meetings covering any phase of Home Economics will be welcomed.

High level of enthusiasm for 4-H in this county is evident in the "Kick-Off" potluck supper and program held this year at the Patagonia High School. Over 250 boys and girls, parents, leaders, and community friends attended.

The people of Santa Cruz County find real value in the 4-H program. Although they apply the vigor and resourcefulness of ranch people to their 4-H work, it would please and benefit them tremendously to receive agent time for instruction in project skills and information.